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The letter follows:

January 28, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
Department of Justice  
350 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

My name is Ruth Burke. I am a resident of Fenton, Missouri. My reason for writing is to let you know that I support the Justice Department's proposed settlement with Microsoft, and that I appreciate your bringing this matter to at least a partial close.

I do not feel that this case should drag on when a fair agreement has been reached. I am sure that people will have gripes with particular provisions of the settlement, but the agreement, when taken as a whole, is beneficial to the all involved.

By agreeing to a more level playing field in the areas of pricing, distribution, and software competition, Microsoft has opened the door to both increased competition and choice. As I understand it, that is the goal in any antitrust litigation.

It is time for everyone involved to get out of Court and get back to work.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Burke*

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